

Summer Newsletter 2017 Season

Concord
Parks & Rec

Every summer has its own story — make yours glorious with Concord Parks & Rec!

Have you checked out our [Summer/Fall brochure](#) yet? This 30-page packet covers all of our summer camps, swim lessons, and fall programming. Whether you're interested in adult tennis, FREE swim lessons*, or fall soccer — there is sure to be something in there for you!

Calling all parents and guardians: If you're looking for all-day camps, you and your child may be interested in one of our three in-house summer camps (for grades 1-2, 3-5 and 6-8) based out of Rundlett Middle School, or perhaps half-day specialty camps/leagues ranging from...

- Middle School 3v3 League
- British Challenger Soccer Camp(s)
- Circus Dance Camp
- Concord TV Video Camp(s)
- Fancy Nancy Dance Camp
- Field Hockey Camp
- Junior Tide Hoop Camp
- Lacrosse Camp
- Lego Camp(s)
- Little Hitters Tennis
- Middle School Basketball Camp
- Parent/Child Tennis Tournament
- Phil Davis Golf Academy
- Pirate & Princess Dance Camp
- Summer Jr. Tennis League
- Summer Tennis League
- Tide Jumpers B-ball Camp
- Track & Field Camp(s)
- Youth Tennis Camp(s)

*If you're ready for flip flops, warm weather and sunscreen, then you are definitely on track for pool season! Our pools open June 17th, and out of seven public pools, five of them will offer swim lessons to children ages 6-months and up.

Due to a generous sponsorship from Concord Housing + Redevelopment, Concord and Penacook children will be able to take part in FREE swim lessons this summer.

With this sponsorship, each Concord/Penacook child will be able to receive a two-week session of swim lessons (8 classes) for FREE.

This season will be CHR's third year in a row sponsoring FREE swim lessons for Concord and Penacook residents!

Check our [website](#) for public swim times for each of Concord Parks & Recreation's outdoor pools.

Have a fun summer!!

Summer Events—See you there!

Plan in advance and don't miss out on the much anticipated [Summer Concert Series](#). We have multiple bands and performers scheduled for hours of musical fun!

Make sure to pencil us in to your 4th of July plans, too!

Festivities begin at 6PM at Memorial Field, with the show starting at 9:15PM. Rain date is 7/5.

Finally, meet us at Rollins Park on 8/5 from 5—8:30PM for National Night Out Against Crime. Don't miss out on the festivities which will include food, prizes, K9 demos, the Touch-A-Truck program, a zoo exhibit, a rock climbing wall, and so much more!

Recreation



Meet Shela Adams!

Shela is the Camp Supervisor for Parks and Rec. She has worked for the Concord camp program for four years and has also taught skating lessons through P+R for several years, as well. At camp this year, Shela is excited to plan engaging activities and trips for campers, grades 1—8.

Shela is a French and Spanish teacher at Merrimack Valley Middle School and enjoys practicing World Languages whenever she has the chance!

Say "Hi!" to Shela if you see her around at camp!



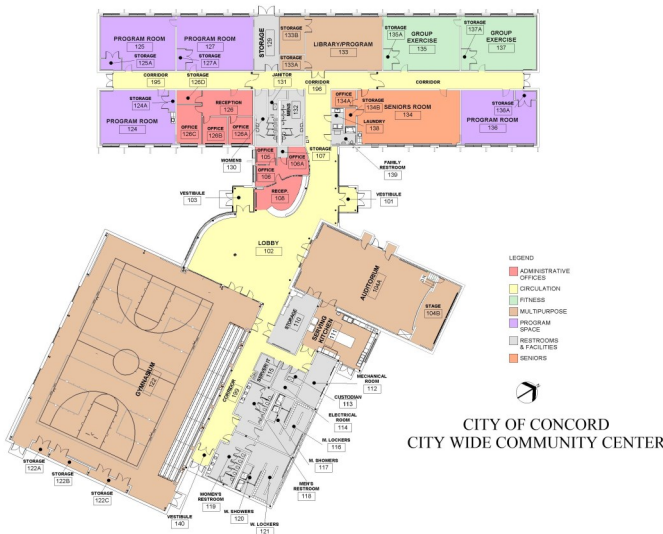
Fall Soccer: Why waiting to register will cause you a headache in the end.

"It's not even summer," you sigh — but before you know it, August will be here and the fall soccer deadline will have already passed. Sign up on or before July 28th to avoid a \$10 late fee. If you sign up after our final registration deadline (August 18th), you risk entering the late folder. Participants are only picked from the late folder should there be an opening, or if there is a drop-out.

Don't let your summer excitement make you forgetful. **Do it now.** Sometimes "later" becomes "never." Click [here](#) to view all of our soccer offerings for any age.

WE ARE

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



On April 11, 2016, the City of Council appropriated \$7.1 million for the design and construction of a new citywide multi-generational community center at the site of the former Dame School (located at 14 Canterbury Rd adjoining Keach Park).

The new 30,000 square foot facility will feature the following amenities:

- 5 multi-purpose programming rooms, one of which will be used for part-time public library services;
- 2 rooms for exercise and aerobics;
- dedicated space for senior citizen programming;
- a large multipurpose room featuring a stage and catering kitchen for functions and performances;
- a high school size gymnasium with locker rooms;
- offices for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Approximately 18,750 square feet of the existing former school building will be incorporated into the project. The remainder of the facility will be new construction. The design and permitting process for the project is currently underway and construction should begin this summer with the new facility opening in 2018.

This new facility will complement the recreation facilities already existing in Keach Park which include an outdoor pool, lighted tennis and basketball courts, little league and softball fields and, in the fall, three youth soccer fields.

The current skate house at White Park was built in 1958. It was immediately used by hundreds of skaters and a generation of Concord youth grew up around the facility. By the middle 90's the building began to decline and shortly thereafter, the bathroom, heating system and the electrical started to fail. By the late 2000's, the building was closed due to numerous safety violations.

At the July 2012 City Council meeting, the Parks and Recreation Director presented a report outlining how the city could use private donations to design a new facility. H.L. Turner Group Inc., located here in Concord, offered their architectural and engineering services for the new skate house at no cost to the City. The donation at the time was estimated to be valued at \$60,000.

Several public meetings followed and between December 2012 and present day, a total of six community meetings have been held. In the FY17 City of Concord budget, the new building at White Park has been

funded 50% from the City with the other 50% coming from private donations. If you are interested in making a donation towards the new skate house, please contact David Gill, Parks & Recreation Director at dgill@concordnh.gov or by phone, (603)225-8690.

When built, this new multipurpose building could be open year round to support programming and activities such as: art programs, birthday parties (next to a great playground!), summer camps, yoga classes and much more! The facility will also provide ice skate rentals during winter months.

Meet Alexander Leger!

This is Alex's first summer with Cemeteries as a summer laborer. Alex has been enjoying being outside for the position, as it entails many hours landscaping, raking and weed-wacking around headstones.

On his days off, Alex enjoys hiking and surfing. Did you know that his favorite ice cream flavor is ginger?! During the school year, Alex can be found studying Mechanical Engineering at NHTI.

If you happen to see Alex working, feel free to give him a warm "Hello!"



Meet Andrew Peick!

Andrew has worked for the Parks division for three years as a seasonal laborer. Andrew specializes in ball and athletic fields; assisting in lining and conditioning the turf making sure they're safe and playable for all sports.

Andrew volunteers as an assistant catching coach at Merrimack Valley High School during his spare time. On his days off, he can be found catching up on college football, playing soccer, and also enjoys Woodworking. He is currently restoring an antique ski lift from Pat's Peak. In the near future, Andrew will be attending UNH in the fall for Business.

Say "Hi!" to Andrew if you see him maintaining one of our many fields!



Cemetery Happenings



Cemetery Walk & Talk

Thursday, June 1st | 6—7:30PM

Jill McDaniel of the Parks & Recreation Cemetery Office will explain how to access City of Concord cemetery records. We will walk to Old North Cemetery to see some gravestones in person.

Rain Date: Thursday, June 8th | 6—7:30PM

Monthly Gatherings

The Friends of Blossom Hill and Calvary Cemetery invite you to join in our monthly gatherings on the second Friday of the month from 6 — 7 PM.

June 9th, 2017

Tombstone Cleaning Demo and History of Old North Cemetery at Old North Cemetery

July 14, 2017

Tombstone Cleaning at Old North Cemetery

August 11, 2017

Outside Service and History at Blossom Hill and Calvary Cemeteries

Adopt-A-Grave Program

The Common Ground at Blossom Hill appears to have been a burial ground for those without family or funds for funeral costs. There are 686 burials in this section alone: 208 adults and 476 infants. The first burial took place in 1886 through the 1950's.

The City of Concord, along with Star Granite Company, is offering the public an opportunity to be a part of a collaborative community project. For a \$100 donation a grave marker will be crafted with a person's name and dates of life.

This is your opportunity to participate in memorializing lives lived and lost in Concord so many years ago.

Please contact Cemetery Administrator, Jill McDaniel, with any questions at (603)225-3911.

Parks & CEMETERIES

Grounds & Parks Reminders

- Whenever possible, please carry-in, carry-out
- Please do not feed the wildlife — it is detrimental to their health
- Please keep your dog(s) leashed, as well as pick up after their messes
- Watch your children while they are on playground equipment
- There is no overnight parking in our park parking lots
- No swimming in the ponds at the parks — *please feel free to enjoy one of our seven outdoor pools!*

Park Rental Reminders

If you're looking to rent a picnic area, gazebo, or field for your team to practice, call us now before spots fill up! We have up-to-date information on our city-wide parks, fields, and recreation facilities.

If you'd like to rent one of our outdoor amenities, you can find pictures and more regarding their various uses on our website. Should you like information on how to rent one of the aforementioned areas, you can do so by calling John Andersch at (603)225-8690.

Meet Marshall T. Irving III!

Marshall is a Ranger/Starter for BMGC. This is his third season keeping order on the first and tenth tee, and keeping pace of play correct on the course.

Mr. Irving has spent 55 years playing at Beaver Meadow, and competed on the Concord High golf team, later coaching the team in the 70's. In 1976, he even organized concessions for the course.

Prior to retiring, Marshall had dabbled in banking, hospitality, working for Exxon Mobil, and managing general stores. Nowadays, you can find Mr. Irving relaxing in his garden at his home in Bow, or out fishing.

Make sure to give a nod to Marshall if you see him out and about on the course!



Phil Davis Golf Academy Junior Camps

Beaver Meadow has partnered with The First Tee of NH. All of our 2017 golf programming will operate with the core values and life skills offered by this program. The First Tee uses golf to teach youth life lessons and leadership skills for kids 7—13, regardless of background or experience level.

Our Junior camps are designed for the “new junior golfer” as well as the intermediate level junior. Participants are segmented into smaller groups based on their experience and skill level in order to create the most favorable learning environment possible. For three hours each day, campers will learn and/or hone their skills with a strong emphasis placed on golf fundamentals, as well as having fun!

The week also includes the incorporation of various skill based games and activities which are designed to improve the campers golf skills, while keeping the learning environment exciting and engaging for this age group. Camp will also incorporate lessons on good sportsmanship, and how to play golf honestly and with integrity

**Camps run Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00pm or 1:00pm to 5pm and are designed for boys & girls between the ages of 7– 13. All abilities are welcome, with kids being placed into smaller learning groups based on their experience levels.*

For more information about programs or a membership, please feel free to visit our [website](#), or call our Pro Shop at (603)228-8954.

What is “Get Golf Ready”?

At Beaver Meadow, “Get Golf Ready” programs are designed to teach everything you'll need to play golf in just a few lessons. PGA and LPGA Professionals will show you how there are lots of ways to play by combining fun, friends and fitness. Each session will focus on the various golf skills you will use while playing. In addition to learning the basics, you will be guided onto the golf course to put your skills into action in a casual, friendly setting.

No equipment needed!

Over the course of four lessons you'll discover:

- Warm up, stretching and wellness tips
- The best ways to hold the club and get ready before you take a swing
- Getting the ball close to the hole — chipping, pitching and other shots from short distances
- Caring for the course ([Click here](#) to see what we did to the course this year!)
- Getting comfortable with the full swing

- Using your irons to get the ball in the air and onto the green
- Learning the 'lingo', like fairway & rough, tee box & green, divot & bunker, and more
- Having more fun using 'It's Okay' as the way to play
- Swinging your driver and other 'big' clubs to hit the long shots
- Starting your play from the correct tee markers — use TEE IT FORWARD to have more fun
- Helpful shortcuts to save time while you play
- Linking all that you've learned to play a few holes
- Tips for playing in groups, on teams and other fun ways to play
- Getting you more comfortable on the course and where to drive the cart
- Review of the rules and keeping score
- More opportunities for you to come back and play golf

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